[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

(*f*) whether Government have any objection to entrust the money collected by the students' association to some of the respectable people of the village on proper security for the purpose of completing the building; and

(*g*) whether Government are willing to release the site in favour of the owner if they are not prepared to raise the school to a middle school?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The low strength of the middle school classes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The late Headmaster of the school was in possession of the funds collected by the students' association. The amount is reported to be Rs. 9-22-8. But the Headmaster went on a few days' sick leave and died; and the first assistant in charge referred the matter to the Assistant Inspector of Vernacular Schools. It is reported that the pay of the Headmaster amounting to Rs. 13 and odd has not been disbursed pending the disposal of this matter.

(*e*) The representation was recorded.

(*f*) Government have no objection.

(*g*) Specific proposals, if made, will be considered.

Auction Sale of certain Lands in Karunagapalli Taluk.

213. MR. C. RAMANKUNJU (*Nominated*): (*a*) Is it a fact that the lands in Survey No. 410/B of Karunagapalli *pakuthi* of the Karunagapalli taluk, applied for under G. O. Dis. No. 92/1922 Revenue, by some landless Arayans, were sold in auction?

(*b*) If so, will the Government be pleased to cancel the sale and order the distribution of the lands among the original landless applicants?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is a fact that the lands in Survey No. 410/B of the Karunagapalli *pakuthi* were applied for by some Arayans for use as house-sites. The Tahsildar found that these lands were unfit for that purpose and, therefore, ordered them to be put up to auction. One of the applicants has preferred an appeal before the Division Peishkar to set aside the sale; and further proceedings have been stayed pending the final disposal of that appeal.

MR. C. RAMANKUNJU (*Nominated*): Is it the Tahsildars or the applicants who are to decide whether the lands are suitable for their purposes?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Tahsildars are to decide whether lands are fit for house-sites or not.

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MR. C. RAMANKUNJU (*Nominated*) : In the answer it is stated: "one of the applicants has preferred an appeal before the Division Peishkar." Is that appellant a landless person ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

Concessional Registry of Lands.

214. MR. C. RAMANKUNJU (*Nominated*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to say in how many instances in each taluk the applicants for concessional registry of lands under G. O's. Nos. 1464 of 1921 and 92 of 1922/Revenue, deposed, on appearance before the Tahsildar, that they did not want the lands on the terms of the Government Orders ?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to say how many applications for concessional registry of lands, pending on the last day of 1097, were disposed of in 1098 ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The information required by the member is given below :

Taluks.		*No. of applications withdrawn.*
Karunagapalli	...	2
Mavelikara	...	4
Peermade	...	4

There were no such withdrawals in the other taluks.

(*b*) There were 2,019 applications for concessional registry of lands pending on the last day of 1097, and of these, 1,362 applications were disposed of in 1098.

MR. C. RAMANKUNJU (*Nominated*) : Of the 1,362 applications disposed of in 1098, may I know how many were in favour of the applicants ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Manufacture in the Central Prison.

215. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Central Prison Superintendent has spent, during the first four months of 1099, Rs. 900 and Rs. 500 towards the purchase of cotton and coir yarns respectively, not included in the Prison contract, and, if so, whether there is any special reason for this ;

(*b*) whether there is any rule that the purchase of articles worth Rs. 250 and above should be by public auction or by tender ;

(*c*) the value credited in the Prison accounts for the *jamakals* of 1098 now possessed by the in-patients of the Jail Hospital and examined by the Darbar Physician ;

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